

From the Editor: Fall 2025

**Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree....
--Emily Brontë**

Happy fall to all! Hopefully many of us will be able to gather at the 66th Biennial Conference this October at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

This fall 2025 issue features an article relating school librarians' responses to a study on graphic novels and an article on an academic library's staff development group that tackled preparing for major life events. "In Step with Library Leaders" guest columnist Brian Matthews (new Dean and University Librarian at Elon) encourages librarians to situate themselves in an "intersection mindset" to tackle wicked problems that require "cross-sector, interdisciplinary responses." And "On the Front Lines" guest columnists Evan Schmoll and Angela Davis describe some strategies community college librarians can take to engage early college high school students on their campuses.

In addition to those librarianship articles and columns, the issue contains two feature articles and the North Carolina Books book reviews. UNC Chapel Hill's SILS masters theses and doctoral dissertations from Summer 2023 to Spring 2025 constitute one of the features, with their abstracts, and when publicly available, the URLs. The other featured article, "From the Pages of *North Carolina Libraries*," is the first Lagniappe column, which was introduced as a complement to North Carolina Books. Speaking of North Carolina books, reviews editor Laura Mangum brings a dozen for your reading pleasure, with titles ranging from *Southern Mountain Music* to *Language and Life on Ocracoke*. I am especially intrigued by *Southern News*, *Southern Politics: How a Newspaper Defined a State for a Century*, but don't skip YA novel *Breaking into Sunlight* or the *Anthology of Black Mountain College Poetry*. What will you read from this list?

Please consider submitting an article manuscript to your association journal! (I'm looking at you especially, presenters from the Biennial Conference!) Questions, ideas, or suggestions? Email the editor at editor@nclaonline.org.



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